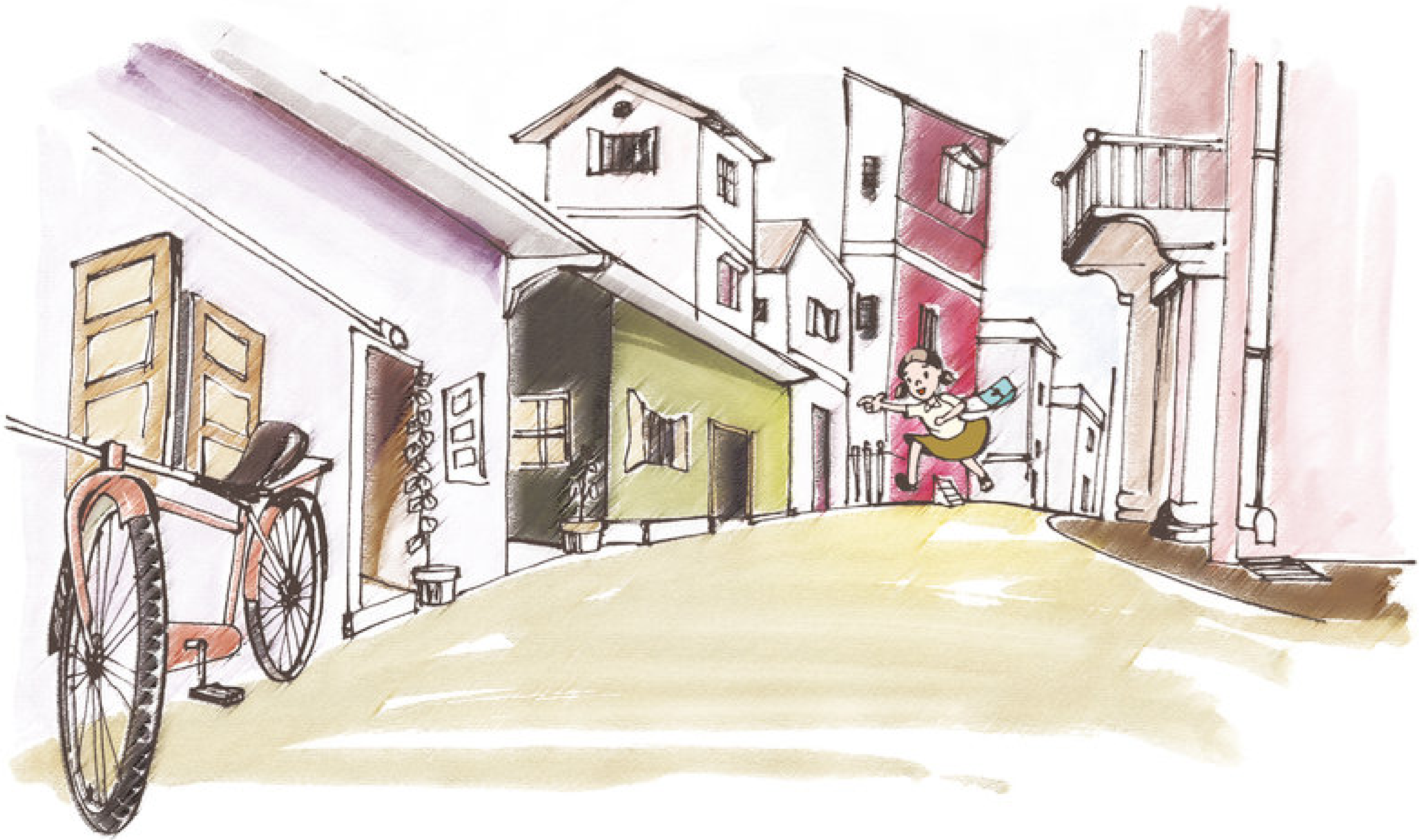


Going Home

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School is over.
Children are leaving.
Teachers are leaving.
Everyone is going home.



I come out of the gate.
I am in a hurry.
I do not have time to play.
I do not have time to talk.
I want to get home fast.



I walk down the lane.
It is a narrow lane.
I can see crowds up ahead.
There is a big road there.



The big road has lots of traffic.
Cars, trucks and cycles, motorcycles, scooters and auto rickshaws.
Some are going this way. Some are going that way.
I know how to find the gap and run to the other side.



I have reached the divider.
There is traffic in front.
There is traffic behind.
I must be careful.



I am on the other side.
I almost crash into the chanawallah.
He growls. I say, “Sorry,” and run along.



I walk faster and faster.
Now there are fish shops. Big fish, small fish, long fish, flat fish.
Shiny fish, dull fish. So many fish in every shop.



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Now I must run.
Past the video shops, past the barber shop,
past the cloth shop, past the pan shop.
Running, running, running down the lane.



Finally I reach home.
Oh good! I am not late.
My father goes to work in the afternoon.
He has not left as yet. His cycle is still here.



My father comes outside, my mother is behind him.
I give my father a big hug. My father gives me a big hug.
Then he goes to work. Now there is no hurry. I have lots of time.

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(English)

Why is the little girl in a hurry to get home? Find out in this sweet story.

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.